

Nutrition Assistance Programs Report
September 2015
US Summary

Programs	Sep 2014	Aug 2015	Sep 2015
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)			
Participants (thousands)	46,460	45,464	45,415
Average Benefit (\$)	\$123.57	\$126.22	\$126.02
National School Lunch Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	30,780	19,040	30,390
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	22,304	14,308	22,262
Percent Free/Reduced Price	72.46%	75.15%	73.25%
Total Snacks Served (in thousands)	21,938	8,135	21,814
School Breakfast Program			
Average Daily Participation (thousands)	14,004	8,659	14,279
Participating Children (Free/Reduced)	11,907	7,402	12,147
Percent Free/Reduced Price	85.02%	85.49%	85.07%
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			
Meals Served in Homes (thousands)	43,677	43,721	42,245
Meals Served in Centers (thousands)	124,250	98,093	125,094
Meals Served in Adult Care Centers (thousands)	6,164	6,302	6,400
Percentage of Meals Served Free	78.93%	75.53%	78.50%
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC)			
Participants (thousands)	8,342	8,008	7,964
Average Benefit (\$)	\$45.44	\$44.35	\$44.62
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)			
Participants (thousands)	577	577	577
Average Benefit (WIC)	\$22.81	\$22.36	\$21.59
Average Benefit (Elderly)	\$18.33	\$19.17	\$19.54
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)			
Participants (thousands)	88	92	93
Total Food Costs (dollars in thousands)	\$5,765	\$6,001	\$6,091
USDA Food Donations (All Programs)			
Entitlement Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$233,744	\$178,649	\$231,470
Bonus Foods (dollars in thousands)	\$3,419	\$47	\$49
TEFAP (dollars in thousands)	\$38,000	\$47,702	\$39,219

September 2015 participation in SNAP was over 45.4 million persons, a decrease of over 1.0 million persons (2.2 percent) from September 2014.

National participation in the WIC program totaled over 7.9 million in September 2015, down by 378 thousand persons from the September 2014 participation level